

Get a Clue!

With Clue Words

Add if the problem says:

add, sum, total, plus, in all, both, together, increased by, all together, ...

Subtract if the problem says:

subtract, difference, take away, less than, are not, remain, decreased by, have left, change (money problems), how much more, fewer, ...

Multiply if the problem says:

times, product of, multiplied by, by (dimension), ...

Divide if the problem says:

quotient of, divided by, half for a fraction, as much, split, separated, cut up, parts, sharing something equally, ...

http://teachers.redclay.k12.de.us/pamela.waters/math/clue_words_for_story_problems.html